

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

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Recommendations (28) adopted at the Fourth Consultative Meeting
Santiago November 18, 1966

Effective date ^{*}: October 30, 1968 for IV-20 through IV-28
November 1, 1982 for IV-1 through 11;
and IV-13 through 19. [IV-6, IV-10 and IV-12
terminated by VIII-2].

<u>State</u>	Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America ^{**}
Argentina	December 14, 1967
Australia	February 26, 1968 (1) September 1, 1980 (11)
Belgium	December 5, 1967 (2)
Brazil	October 27, 1986
Chile	February 21, 1968 (3) November 23, 1970 (4)
China	December 11, 1985
France	October 30, 1967
Germany (15)	February 17, 1981 (12) April 28, 2005 (17)
India	March 7, 1988 (14)
Italy	April 22, 1987

^{*} Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty provides that recommended measures "shall become effective when approved by all the Contracting Parties whose representatives were entitled to participate in the meetings held to consider those measures."

^{**} The date of the Government's approval is considered to be the date of that Government's notification of such approval to other Governments, unless stated otherwise therein. If the notification states that the Government had approved the Recommendations on an earlier date, that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

Japan	October 30, 1968 (5) November 1, 1982 (13)
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995
Netherlands	September 29, 2003 (16)
New Zealand	June 26, 1968 (6) December 23, 1971 (7)
Norway	July 5, 1968
Poland	July 11, 1977
Russian Federation	September 12, 1968
South Africa	May 22, 1967
Spain	April 8, 1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	September 11, 1968 (8)
United States of America	March 23, 1968 (9) July 31, 1979 (10)
Uruguay	October 10, 1989

- (1) Australian Department of External Affairs note states that: "the Australian Government has approved Recommendations IV - 20 to IV - 28 of the Fourth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting" and that "the Australian Government is in agreement in principle with Recommendations IV - 1 to IV - 19 but it is deferring its approval of them until it has approved Recommendation III - 8 of the Third Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting ... In the meantime, all Recommendations of the Fourth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, including Recommendations IV - 1 to IV - 19, are being given practical effect at Australian stations in Antarctica."
- (2) Belgian Embassy note states that the Belgian Government approves Recommendations IV - 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28, and the English-language text of IV - 27 and 21. It cannot accept the French version of paragraph 2 of Recommendation 27. Also, the French-language version of IV - 21 cannot be accepted unless the Belgian Parliament first enacts a law approving a formal international convention on the subject concerned. Recommendations IV - 1 to IV - 19, which are all measures to implement Recommendation III - VIII (Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora) cannot be approved until such time as the enactment of appropriate legislation by the Parliament. Recommendations IV - 1 to IV - 19 approved January 25, 1978.
- (3) Chilean Ambassador's note states that the Chilean Government has given its approval to all of the Recommendations with the exception of Recommendations IV - 18 and IV - 19 ... due to the fact that the corresponding authorities still have under study certain legal aspects of their application.
- (4) Chilean approval of IV - 18 and IV - 19.
- (5) Japanese Embassy note states that the Japanese Government has approved the Recommendations "with the exception of Recommendations IV - 1 through IV - 19."

- (6) New Zealand Embassy note states that "Although the Government of New Zealand has deferred approval of Recommendations IV 1 - 19 until such time as it has approved Recommendation III 8, the Embassy of New Zealand has been requested to advise the State Department that the former recommendations are being implemented in practice by New Zealand expeditions in Antarctica."
- (7) New Zealand approval of IV - 1 to IV - 19 inclusive.
- (8) British Ambassador's note states that his Government has "approved the Recommendations of the Fourth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting ... as set out in English in the Final Report of the Meeting communicated by the Government of Chile, with the exception of Recommendation IV - 12." IV - 12 terminated by Recommendation VIII - 2.
- (9) The United States notification of approval states that "on March 23, 1968 the Government of the United States of America approved Recommendations IV - 20 through IV - 28, except as presently set forth in the French-language version."
- (10) United States approval of IV - 1 - 19.
- (11) Australian approval of IV - 1 - 19.
- (12) On February 17, 1981 the Federal Republic of Germany approved all Recommendations in force, which excludes IV - 1 to 19 inclusive.
- (13) Japan approves Recommendations IV - 1 to 19.
- (14) India approves all except IV-18 and IV-19
- (15) Prior to unification, the German Democratic Republic approved all the recommendations of the Fourth Meeting on August 23, 1988.
- (16) For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The notification includes the following: "With reference to Decision 3 of ATCM XXV, the recommendations/measures which have become obsolete (listed in Annex A of this Decision) [Recommendations IV-20, IV-25, IV-26 and IV-28] do not require further action by the Parties and as a consequence do not need approval."

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

"With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

"These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

"The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting 'the Caribbean part of the Netherlands'. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements."

(17) Germany approves Recommendations IV-1 through IV-11 and IV-13 through IV-15.

Department of State,

Washington, January 25, 2013.